

**BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
WASHINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES – September 18, 2012**

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey was held in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Gleba, McDonald, Jewell, Torres
Absent: Valentine, Higgins, Boyle

Also Present: Kristine Blanchard, Manager/Borough Clerk

Mayor McDonald led everyone in the flag salute.

Mayor McDonald read the following Statement into the Record:

“The requirements of the ‘Open Public Meetings Law, 1975, Chapter 231’ have been satisfied in that adequate notice of this meeting has been published in the Star Gazette and posted on the Bulletin Board of Borough Hall stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting as required by law.”

CORRESPONDENCE:

Recreation Commission: Periwinkle Plants
Lawrence Cohen Esq.: Washington Square/Jade Acquisition Development

Motion made by Gleba, seconded by Torres to receive and file the correspondence.

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Council Discussion:

Recreation Commission Chairman, Victor Cioni was present and stated that in 2012 Recreation was able to utilize a line item in the main budget to purchase playground mulch for the play area at Boro Park. Chairman Cioni would like to use the same line item next year to improve the appearance of the embankment within the parking lot on the first base side of Boro Park. Chairman Cioni was able to obtain an estimate of \$3,600 for 500 plants which will come with a 2 year guarantee. Chairman Cioni asked if the fire department would be able to assist in the watering of these plants for the first two weeks so they thrive. Councilman Jewell stated that he would follow up with the Chief

of the fire department to ask for their assistance. Councilman Torres recommended that Recreation get a few more estimates before committing.

Motion made by Jewell to allow Recreation to use the same budget line item for the periwinkle plants pending price once two more estimated are obtained, seconded by Gleba and approved.

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Mayor McDonald gave an update on the Lawrence Cohen Esq. correspondence that was discussed at the Planning Board meeting. Mayor McDonald stated that Mr. Cohen and Mr. Gruenberg both presented letters to the Planning Board that evening. Mr. Cohen's letter was 20 to 25 pages in length. The Planning Board was not comfortable making a decision that night. They wanted a chance to read the document and research it before making a decision on the matter. The Planning Board scheduled a special meeting on Monday, September 24th and will make a decision at that time.

AUDIENCE:

Hearing no comments from the audience a motion was made by Torres, seconded by Jewell, to close the audience portion of the meeting.

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

REPORTS:

Motion was made by Gleba, seconded by Jewell to receive and file the following reports:

1. CFO Report August 2012
2. Municipal Court Report August 2012

3. Highway Department August 2012
4. Police Activity 2012

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of Recreation By-laws – Amended for Background Checks (Article IV)

Council Discussion:

Councilwoman Gleba stated that her only concern is that the background checks are just for coaches and assistant coaches. The by-laws currently do not cover any other volunteers. Chairman Cioni stated that he will amend the by-laws to cover additional volunteers at other special events.

Motion made by Torres, seconded by Gleba to adopt the Recreation Commission by-laws.

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of Social Affairs ABC Permit for Jr. Streaks Cheering – December 8, 2012 Beefsteak Comedy Show.

Motion made by Torres, seconded by Gleba and adopted.

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

VOUCHERS:

Mayor McDonald entertained a motion to approve the vouchers and claims in the amount of \$378,208.16

Motion made by Gleba, seconded by Torres and approved.

Roll Call: Gleba, Torres, McDonald, Jewell

Ayes: 4, Nays: 0

Abstain: Jewell – Fire and EMS

Gleba – Finelli Consulting Engineers

COUNCIL REMARKS:

Councilman Torres stated that he was looking into new ways to generate revenue. One idea that Councilman Torres proposed was an ordinance to require a small permit fee and perhaps a monthly usage fee for those vending machines that solicit newspapers and magazines. Councilman Torres will do further research.

Hearing no further business, a motion was made by Gleba, seconded by Jewell to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Mayor Scott McDonald

Kristine Blanchard, RMC Borough Clerk